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Bill Text and Background for the Week of December 17, 2007

- House Amendments to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2764 - Foreign Operations Appropriations/Consolidated Appropriations Bill
- Senate Amendments to H.R. 6 the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

**HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2764 - FOREIGN OPERATION
APPROPRIATIONS/ CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS BILL** *(Rep. Obey – Appropriations)*
(Subject to a Rule)

House Amendments: [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee: Monday, December 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol,

[Special Announcement](#), [Text of the Amendments](#), [H.Res. 873](#)

Committee: [Committee on Appropriations](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-2771

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

FY 2008 APPROPRIATIONS BILL OVERVIEW

The President's budget would have required:

- CUTS of 800 grants for **Medical Research** at NIH.
- CUTS in programs that **Provide Access to Healthcare** by \$595 million.
- CUTS to **Rural Health Initiatives** of 50%.
- CUTS in crucial funds for **Education** by \$1.2 billion.
- ELIMINATION of every **Student Aid** program except Pell Grants and Work Study.
- CUTS in **Vocational Education** by 50%.
- CUTS in support for **State and Local Law Enforcement** by \$1.4 billion at DOJ.
- CUTS in **Homeland Security Grants** for police, firefighters and medical personnel by \$1.1 billion.
- **SHORTCHANGING Highway Infrastructure.**
- CUTS in **Renewable Energy** programs at DOE by \$195 million and freezes in **Scientific Research.**

This bill rejects those priorities, moving crucial amounts from lower priority programs and investing in:

- **Medical Research:** \$607 million above the President's request to study diseases like Alzheimer's, cancer, Parkinson's and diabetes.
- **Healthcare Access:** \$1 billion above the President's request, making targeted increases to programs like Community Health Centers to provide 280,000 more underinsured Americans with access to healthcare and High Risk Insurance Pools to help 200,000 more people afford health insurance.
- **Rural Healthcare:** \$147 million above the President's request to help 1,200 small, rural hospitals.
- **K-12 Education:** \$767 million above the President's request with targeted increases to Title 1, Special Education, Teacher Quality Grants, After School Programs, and Head Start.
- **Student Aid:** \$1.7 billion above the President's request for Pell Grants and other student aid programs.
- **Vocational Education:** \$575 million above the President's request for technical training at high schools and community colleges.
- **State and Local Law Enforcement:** \$1.2 billion above the President's request to help local communities across the country.
- **Homeland Security Grants:** \$1.8 billion above the President's request, recognizing that fighting terror must be a top priority.
- **Highway Infrastructure:** Meets the guaranteed levels set in the authorization bill and provides a \$1 billion initiative for our bridges.
- **Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency:** \$486 million above the President's request for important investments in Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Biofuels, and Energy Efficiency, with a careful blend of new scientific investments and conservation efforts.
- **Veterans Healthcare:** This bill also provides \$3.7 billion in additional funding for veterans healthcare, a proposal which the President at first said he would veto. Meeting the needs of our veterans has been the number one appropriations priority of Congressional Democrats this year.

War Funding

- **Afghanistan:** Recognizing the importance of our efforts in Afghanistan, the bill includes \$31 billion for operations in Afghanistan.
- **Prohibition:** Prohibits funds from being used for operations in Iraq.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FDA SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$17.8 billion |
| President's Request: | \$17.8 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$18.1 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$1 billion – Emergency Funds: Drought Relief and WIC |

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$50.3 billion |
| President's Request: | \$51.2 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$51.8 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$286 million – Emergency Funds: Border, Cyber Security |

ENERGY AND WATER SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$30.3 billion |
| President's Request: | \$30.5 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$31.9 billion |

FINANCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$19.5 billion |
| President's Request: | \$21.7 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$20.6 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$250 million – Emergency Funds: Border Security |

HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$31.9 billion (does not include supplemental) |
| | \$1.8 billion – Emergency Funds: Border Security |
| President's Request: | \$34.3 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$34.85 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$2.7 billion – Emergency Funds: Border Security |

INTERIOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|----------------------|---|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$26.4 billion |
| President's Request: | \$25.7 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$26.6 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$300 million – Emergency Funds: Firefighting |

LABOR, HEALTH AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|----------------------|---|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$144.5 billion |
| President's Request: | \$140.9 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$144.8 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$307 million – Emergency Funds: LIHEAP & World Trade Center Health |

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|---------------|----------------|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$ 3.9 billion |
| Request: | \$ 4.4 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$ 4.0 billion |

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$49.8 billion |
| President's Request: | \$60.7 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$60.2 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$3.7 billion – Emergency Funds: Veterans |

STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE SUMMARY

**Compare to the [House passed bill](#)

Bill Total

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$31.3 billion |
| President's Request: | \$34.9 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$32.8 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$2.4 billion – Emergency Funds |

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
SUMMARY**

****Compare to the [House passed bill](#)**

Bill Total

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 2007 Enacted: | \$46.7 billion |
| President's Request: | \$48.0 billion |
| Omnibus: | \$48.9 billion – Base Bill |
| | \$195 million – Emergency Funds: I-35 Bridge in Minnesota |

TEXT OF THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2764

Consolidated Appropriations Amendment

- [Division A--Agriculture](#)
- [Division B--Commerce, Justice, Science](#)
- [Division C--Energy and Water](#)
- [Division D--Financial Services](#)
- [Division E--Homeland Security](#)
- [Division F--Interior](#)
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Joint Explanatory Statement to Accompany Consolidated Appropriations Amendment

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Joint Explanatory Statement to Accompany Supplemental Appropriations Amendment

- [Supplemental Appropriations Amendment](#)

CRS Reports:

[CRS Report RL32686](#), Afghanistan: Narcotics and U.S. Policy

[CRS Report RL34276](#), FY2008 Emergency Supplemental Request for International Affairs

[CRS Report RL33250](#), International Population Assistance and Family Planning Programs: Issues for Congress

[CRS Report RL31833](#), Iraq: Reconstruction Assistance

[CRS Report RL34023](#), State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: FY2008 Appropriations

[CRS Report RL34253](#), Weak and Failing States: Evolving Security Threats and U.S. Policy

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

[FY 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act Press Release](#), Appropriations Committee

Detailed Summaries by Subcommittee: [Agriculture](#), [Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development](#), [Financial Services](#), [Homeland Security](#), [Interior and the Environment](#), [Labor, Health and Education](#), [Legislative Branch](#), [Military Construction and Veterans Affairs](#), [State and Foreign Operations](#), [Transportation, Housing and Urban Development](#)

[Major Legislative Priorities of the New Direction Congress Signed Into Law](#), Office of the Speaker

[Status of Appropriations Legislation for Fiscal Year 2008](#)

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

[Chairman Obey Press Release on FY 2008 Appropriations Bill](#), December 16, 2007

[Democrats Have Made Progress Despite Reckless Opposition from the President and Republicans](#), Office of the Speaker, December 14, 2007

[Reid and Pelosi: President Again Demonstrates Commitment to Failed Policies, Status Quo](#), December 8, 2007

[Obey: Iraq, Appropriations, and the Need for Compromise](#), December 4, 2007

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 6 – ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007 *(Subject to a Rule)*

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[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee: Monday, December 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol,
[Special Announcement](#), [Senate Amendment to House Amendment to Senate Amendment to H.R. 6](#), [H.Res. 873](#)

Committees: [Committee on Ways and Means](#), [Committee on Energy and Commerce](#), [Committee on Education and Labor](#), [Committee on Foreign Affairs](#), [Committee on Small Business](#), [Committee on Science and Technology](#), [Committee on Agriculture](#), [Committee on Oversight and Government Reform](#), [Committee on Natural Resources](#), [Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure](#), [Committee on Armed Services](#)

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT

The New Direction Congress has finalized “The Energy Independence and Security Act” - an historic bill to make America energy independent and respond to the global warming crisis. Congress has moved swiftly to respond to record high prices for oil; prices at the pump are more than double the price in 2001, with heating oil costs triple that of 2001.

The new law will:

- **Reduce our dependence on foreign oil**
- **Strengthen national security**
- **Lower energy costs for consumers**
- **Create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and strengthen our economy**
- **Reduce global warming**

The Energy Independence and Security Act:

- Increases the fuel efficiency of vehicles to 35 miles per gallon by 2020 (CAFE), the first congressional increase in 32 years. These provisions will:
 - Save American families \$700 to \$1,000 per year at the pump
 - Produce \$22 billion in net annual consumer savings in 2020
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 28 million cars and trucks off the road
- Expands American-grown biofuels (Renewable Fuels Standard) to 36 billion gallons in 2022, as recommended by the House Rural Working Group
- Slashes U.S. oil consumption by more than 4 million barrels per day by 2030—more than twice our daily imports from the Persian Gulf
- Produces up to 24 percent of the cut in greenhouse gas emissions needed by 2030
- Saves consumers more than \$400 billion through new energy efficiency standards for appliances, lighting and buildings through 2030

- Creates hundreds of thousands of jobs:
 - Promotes massive development of biofuels
 - Spurs cutting-edge energy research
 - Prepares workers for 3 million new “green” jobs over the next 10 years
 - Promotes small businesses as renewable energy leaders.

Energy Independence and Security Act has won broad bipartisan support from a broad coalition of environmental, labor faith, and business communities -- because all Americans have a stake in our fight for energy independence, greater national security, expanded economic growth and jobs, and lower energy costs.

CRS Reports:

[RL33564](#): Alternative Fuels and Advanced Technology Vehicles: Issues in Congress
[RL33413](#): Automobile and Light Truck Fuel Economy: The CAFE Standards
[RL34239](#): Biofuels in the 2007 Energy and Farm Bills: A Side-by-Side Comparison
[RL34136](#): Biofuels Provisions in H.R. 3221 and H.R. 6: A Side-by-Side Comparison
[RL33982](#): Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE): A Comparison of Selected Legislation in the 110th Congress
[RL33831](#): Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Legislation in the 110th Congress
[RL33578](#): Energy Tax Policy: History and Current Issues
[RL33290](#): Fuel Ethanol: Background and Public Policy Issues
[RS22236](#): Gasoline Price Increases: Federal and State Authority to Limit 'Price Gouging'
[RL33521](#): Gasoline Prices: Legislation in the 110th Congress
[RL33974](#): Legal Issues Raised by Provision in House Energy Bill (H.R. 6) Creating Incentives for Certain OCS Leaseholders to Accept Price Thresholds
[RL33763](#): Oil and Gas Tax Subsidies: Current Status and Analysis
[RL34135](#): Omnibus Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Legislation: A Side-by-Side Comparison of Major Provisions in House-Passed H.R. 3221 with Senate-Passed
[RL33493](#): Outer Continental Shelf: Debate Over Oil and Gas Leasing and Revenue Sharing
[RL34162](#): Renewable Energy: Background and Issues for the 110th Congress
[RL34130](#): Renewable Energy Policy in the 2007 Farm Bill
[RL34116](#): Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS): Background and Debate Over a National Requirement
[RS22567](#): Royalty Relief for U.S. Deepwater Oil and Gas Leases
[RL34265](#): Selected Issues Related to an Expansion of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)
[RS22571](#): The Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve in the CLEAN Energy Act of 2007 (H.R. 6)
[RL33867](#): Tariff Modifications: Miscellaneous Duty Suspension Bills

Organization Statements:

[Business, Labor, Environmentalists Support Historic Energy Security Bill](#), Office of the Speaker

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

[The Energy Independence and Security Act](#), One Page Fact Sheet, Office of the Speaker

[Energy Independence and Security Act](#), Office of the Speaker

[A New Direction for Energy Security: A Detailed Summary](#), Office of the Speaker

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

[Speaker Pelosi Delivers Democratic Radio Address on Energy Independence](#),

December 15, 2007

[Pelosi Statement on Senate Passage of Historic Energy Legislation](#), Office of the

Speaker, Press Release, December 13, 2007

[House Approves Landmark Energy Independence Bill](#), Majority Whip Clyburn, Press

Release, December 6, 2007

[Senate Republicans Block Investments in Renewable Energy](#), House Committee on

Ways and Means, Press Release, December 13, 2007

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of H.R. 6](#)

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